IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 13-18 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising memory means for storing code data [generated by the image processing apparatus described in claim 1,] and outputting the code data stored in said memory means to said decoding means.

REMARKS

This application is a division of Application No. 08/623,536, filed March 29, 1996. Claims 1-12, non-elected as being directed to Species I (Fig. 1) in the parent application, are presented now for examination on the merits.

Claim 7 has been amended above to place the claim in proper dependent form.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith to cite the information made of record in the parent application. Pursuant to § 609 of the MPEP, no copies of the cited art are being provided. Of course, Applicant will

gladly send duplicate copies of the cited art upon request of the Examiner.

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